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DETECTION THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2003, in the  
above-identified application.

The Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the groups of claims under  
35 U.S.C. §121. The Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I, (i.e., Claims 1, 5, and 6),  
with traverse.

Additionally, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications in connection with the  
non-elected claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to  
contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.



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